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GOVERNOR MUSGROVE ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently announced that Marshall County has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$309,915 on behalf of Old Mississippi Brick Company.

"The Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) is pleased to play a role in the economic growth of Marshall County," commented J.C. Burns, Executive Director of MDA.

CDBG is a program of the Community Services Division of the Mississippi Development Authority. Among the division's goals are assisting communities in analyzing their strengths and weaknesses, involving their leadership in economic development, planning development strategies, strengthening development organizations, and implementing and financing community projects. The Community Services Division also administers other Economic Development grant and loan programs.

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